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MAINE DIVISION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Sally Bailey, President

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Karyl Condit, Editor

t The Sunshine Out!

Sally Bailey, President

Probably in the childhood memories of most of you is the song, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let It Shine." Just in remembering it may cause a smile--and yet aren't some of our most profound truths found in life's simplest realities? Light reveals truth and gives warmth. It seems fitting that the masthead of our DAWNBREAKER includes a sketch of the sun, and that the theme of our convention conveys the same spirit of light and warmth--for this is what life is all about: gaining wisdom and sharing it with others through acts of understanding and care.

MAINE HAS A FELLOW

Mary Helen Fernald, native of Somesville in Mt. Desert Island, has been awarded an UW American Fellowship for 1972-73 to complete historical research, in England, on the rebellion of followers of the Earl of Essex in 1600-1601. (Any one who has been following the PTV series on Queen Elizabeth I will recognize the uprising.) Mary Helen received her A.B. and M.A. from the University of Me. at Orono, has taught at UMP and is teaching this year at UM at Machias--very much a Maine girl! She is also working toward her Ph.D. at Brown University and will use her fellowship year to get manuscripts, etc., needed for her thesis.

We have persuaded Mary Helen to join us at the Convention on May 20. We will have with us both an International Fellow, Mrs. Malikova, and an American Fellow, Mary Helen. This will be a suitable treat for members of the Maine Division, who are doing splendidly with Fellowship contributions!

Tibby Russell

Division Fellowships Chairman



Within each person glows this light--some times radiant and other times dimmed by fears. The light within glows more brightly only as we become free to give of ourselves. William Barclay has said: "Eloquence will be forgotten: mental cleverness may live on the printed page; but kindness lives on enthroned in the hearts of men."

It is for us to inspire and enable those about us to be the whole persons that they can be--and it is for us to receive with joy the inspiration that others bring to us. Coming to share their respective joys and aspirations as a result of sharing we've already known through the Fellowships program are Maria Malikova, an International Fellow from Czechoslovakia, and Mary Helen Fernald, an American Fellow from Maine, and Maxine Thorson, Chairman of the AAUW Centennial Fund Committee. I hope many of you will be able to drive to Northeast Harbor to meet them, welcome them, and be inspired by them.

When I reflect on the two years I have been privileged to represent you as Maine Division President, I realize that my deepest joy has been in feeling the abundance of light and warmth in the many persons I've met as I have travelled to Branch, Division and Association meetings. I've been deeply inspired by the acts of service I have seen at all levels and carried out through our branches to our members and communities. As educated women, may we continue to be a "beacon," deepening our intellectual growth, being responsible to society, and working for the advancement of all women.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOW TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. Maria Malikova of Czechoslovakia will attend our Convention to share with us some of her experiences as an International Fellow. Mrs. Malikova is here to study the methodology of Teaching English as a Foreign language. She is attending the Georgetown University School of Languages and Linguistics in Washington, D.C. She is also working with Dr. John B. Carroll at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton. Her major

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Mrs. Thorson To Convention

Mrs. Maxine Thorson wears several hats as an Association leader. Her role as Chairman of the Association Centennial Fund Committee is closely related to her position as Chairman of the AAUW Fellowships Program Committee and as a member of the Educational Foundation Development Committee. The two main aspects of the Centennial Fund program are endowment for the Fellowships program and the Research and Projects Endowment Funds. Both will be enriched and expanded by the achievement of the \$10 million goal.

Mrs. Thorson has served as president of her Waterloo, Iowa branch and of the Iowa Division, and has served as Fellowships Chairman at all levels of AAUW. She received her B.S. from North Dakota State College and her M.A. from Teachers College of Columbia University. She has taught home economics, family problems and nutrition, and for the past twenty years taught interior decorating in Waterloo public schools. She has been an active volunteer in many areas of concern in her community.

Mrs. Thorson's husband is an architect and they have two children. Her interests include cooking, the arts, and travel.



Maxine Thorson



Maria Malikova

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effort is to adapt Dr. Carroll's aptitude tests to the Slovak's language.

At the completion of her Fellowship Year Mrs. Malikova will return to the Teacher Training College in Nitra as a lecturer.

On Behalf of Maine Children

A Children's Lobby for Maine is in the organizational stages. Interested people have volunteered for committee work and a proposal is being written for a child advocacy grant. The Lobby would support state and local legislation and appropriations in areas concerning children and families. This interest follows the creation of a National Children's Lobby at the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

In order for a Children's Lobby to be effective in Maine it should be co-sponsored by all agencies, committees, associations whose basic concern is children. Is the Maine Division AAUW interested?? Material will be available at the Convention on this subject.

This Beleaguered Earth:

There is sad neglect of environmental education in the public schools of Maine. The State Department of Education has eliminated specialists. Consequently no one is responsible for encouraging, promoting, or pushing for such curriculum development. Only five school districts in Maine have made a real commitment to instruction in environmental education. Is legislation the answer? The text of a House Bill in Massachusetts reads

"That branch of biology which is known ecology, including the dynamics of human population growth and consumption and their effects on the natural environment shall be taught as a required subject in all public elementary and high schools of the Commonwealth for the purposes of promoting a greater knowledge thereof and of enabling pupils to become well-informed citizens, better capable of fulfilling their responsibility to bequeath a healthy world to their posterity."

I have received no news relative to our Division Project, the grant proposal in environmental education.

If your branch decides to pursue this topic next year, the following goals are recommended:

1. To focus member attention on the need for a national assessment of technology, especially as it relates to:
 - a. the need for a wise national land use policy, including the inner city and transportation;
 - b. the need for a national energy policy which assesses energy needs and requirements against environmental integrity;
 - c. the need for members to be better informed about the issues involved in a wise population policy, including demographic and minority perspectives on the issue of population control.
2. To develop a vital partnership between the AAUW Legislative Program Committee and the Beleaguered Earth Topic Committee.

Lee Davis — Topic Chairman

Centennial goal: ten million \$\$\$

Laurels to the Growing Branches

| | '70-'71 | '71-'72 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Bath-Brunswick | 80 | 92 |
| Cape Neddick | 50 | 54 |
| Lincoln-Knox | 71 | 74 |
| Mt. Desert Island | 34 | 36 |
| Orono-Old Town | 81 | 84 |
| Portland | 48 | 52 |
| Presque Isle | 29 | 33 |
| Waterville | 73 | 82 |
| York County | 62 | 65 |

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Looking out over the Division via Branch reports, newsletters, and newspaper items I am aware of lots of interesting activity, colition and study taking place. How often I've wished I could have been with you.

The Emerging Issues and Interests procedure has begun and we are ready to start planning meetings on the second year of the biennium. I am available for a breakfast conference at Convention and would welcome hearing from all 1st V.P.'s about such a meeting. Often it is the sharing of ideas at Division meetings which makes our branch work move more smoothly.

There was such a good response to the displays at Fall Workshop that I am asking

Ten million dollars?

all Division Topic Chairmen and Area Reps. to please bring something (poster, hand-out material, or a display) that represents your interests. They will need to be put up early as we want to absorb as much as possible during the registration period.

A last pre-convention thought: please participate and let your sunshine out.

Peggy Hodgkins, Vice President

Maine Lights Shine In Washington

The Division is very proud of Sally Bailey, President, who is Chairman of the Presidents Conference Committee. The theme of the Conference, to be held in June at Airlai, Virginia, is "The Time is Now." ...and of Elizabeth Russell, Division Fellowships Chairman, who is serving on the International Fellowships Committee.

Thoughts from the Fourth Maine Environmental Congress

Brunswick, March 24-25

from Lee Davis, TC for This Beleaguered EarthMany thanks to Arnette Nelson and the Brunswick branch for developing and staffing the Division-sponsored booth at the Congress. Their theme was "recycling." 100% recycled bond stationery called "Earth notes" was sold for \$2.00 a box. For a price list and additional information, write: Andrews Nelson Whitehead, 7 Laight St., New York. N.Y. 10013...The Congress passed 6 important resolutions which are to be implemented by the Natural Resources Council, with a progress report at the 5th MEC next year. These include Taxation, Environmental Bill of Rights, Population, Transportation, Electrical Energy, and Land Use...The presentation of David Brower, President, Friends of the Earth, was primarily on consumption of natural resources, especially energy. Workshops were held involving people with business and industrial interests, as well as those with environmental concerns.

from Arnette Nelson, TC for This Beleaguered Earth, Bath-Brunswick "Trash, Our Only Growing Resource" was the theme of the Maine Division AAUW booth at the 4th MEC. The theme involved a three-fold approach: recycle, reuse, and re-educate. The recycling project, involving our branch This Beleaguered Earth study group, was explained through pictures, newspaper clippings, and literature. Clippings from newspapers and magazines explained recycling, gave practical tips for individuals to follow in eliminating unnecessary waste, and traced the progress of the Brunswick recycling effort. Samples of recycled paper products, such as various grades of paper and Eco brand facial tissues and paper towels, were displayed. Information was distributed on how individuals could promote use of recycled papers in school systems, town governments, and churches...The reuse of products was encouraged in the booth by display of returnable bottles and glass milk bottles; a burlap wall hanging urged, "Root for Trees: Use Cloth." ...Re-education of ideas about use of the land and products was promoted through a display of children's books on ecology. Titles of these books included Sparrows Don't Drop Candy Wrappers by Margaret Gabel, Wilson's World, by Edith and Clement Hurd, The Mountain by Peter Parnell, and the Wump World by Bill Pete. The booth evoked one immediate response to re-education: a fourth-grade teacher requested that the booth be re-assembled in her classroom.

from Julie Fast, Representative to 4th MEC Planning BoardAll AAUW members present at the 4th MEC felt, as I did, proud to be members of one of the sponsoring organizations. The exhibits, all very informative, ranged from recycling, wildlife refuges, environmental education, landfill projects, to community sewerage plants. Our own AAUW booth was excellent. We will hear more about Brunswick's success with recycled paper at the May Convention. The Congress featured many informative and stimulating panels. David Brower's inspiring speech emphasized personal commitment to environmental crises, an attitude we in AAUW have also tried to stress. The entire weekend was time very well spent.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

ORONO-OLD TOWN: Mrs. Winthrop Libby opened her home to the branch in February for the annual meeting with senior women at UMO. An interested group of women came for dessert and also heard Sally Bailey and Carol Bender tell of AAUW...Despite a March snow storm members of the Bangor branch were guests to hear of the Rockland schools' experience with performance contracting...In April, three events are: branch meeting on "Problems of Putting Environmental Education in the Schools," book and attic treasures sale, and a public meeting on East Asia sponsored with the League of Women Voters.

WATERVILLE members have cooperated in a survey of local residents for WCBB in their efforts to gain new members and support for the Public TB station...The April meeting will have as speaker Sheila Seymour, member of the Governor's Task Force on Energy, Heavy Industry and the Maine Coast. She will speak on the topic, The Kennebec River Corridor Plan...Branch voting on emerging issues showed the following: Who Owns Maine? was first, with Education, Transportation and Health care following, in this order.

THE BATH-BRUNSWICK branch met in March with Miss Vichien Thavilab from Thailand who is studying at Boston University on an AAUW International Fellowship...A Dollar's Worth and We the People study group is sponsoring a series of public meetings on economics. Topics include trusts, investments, banks, income tax, and wills...Alternatives to financing public education is now being considered by the Crisis in Public Education study group...The Beleaguered Earth Group is working very hard on several recycling projects in Brunswick. Our branch newsletter is now printed on recycled paper...A trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is being planned by the Art study group...An Indian luncheon featuring native dishes will be the final meeting of the Indian Literature group. The branch sponsored a puppet show by Francis Hamabe during February vacation.

Abund!

News For Program Chairman

A workshop plan based on Make Up Your Mind, for branch or Division use, has been designed by Joan Strouss of Elmhurst, Illinois. Program Development Chairmen may request it from 2401 Virginia Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Also, an outline developed by Mary Grefe of Des Moines, Iowa, would be suitable for a spring workshop session on the Topics. It involves branch leaders in programming for the Topic's second year.

The CAPE NEDDICK branch has two very active study groups: the education group has been delving into the innovative programs in the York schools, and the book group has been tackling Future Shock...Sigrid Rainoff, a member, will exhibit her photographs of Maine scenes at the Convention. Sigrid is a Bangor native who spent her early years in Japan.

The FRANKLIN COUNTY branch discussed gardening, organic and otherwise, with a varied panel of "experts." The University will soon be publishing a handbook on organic gardening...The annual used book sale April 28-29 promises to be as successful as always. A bake sale feature has been added this year.

Impossible!

Legislative Notes

THE ENVIRONMENT: Both the Site Selection Law and the Coastal Conveyance Law are facing challenges in court. The subdivision interests are trying to attack every law that cuts into their profit. Their lobbyists are very active. In the future, a bill such as the Maine Industrial Port Authority will have to be considered, largely due to the continuing debate of jobs versus pollution. The State will have to take some action in this area.

FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION: Volumes of material have been received from various sources. The Waterville Branch education study group is trying to sort out this material. Barbara Howd, Division AR in Education, has more material for those of you who are interested. She is devising a questionnaire that may be distributed statewide.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The Association and the Maine Division put great effort toward the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Our efforts have helped bring about a worthwhile result.

REORGANIZATION AND EFFICIENCY: My reservations on this subject are that I feel it helps to put a new level of highly paid bureaucrats above the existing level. However, for those of you who favor reorganization (and there is an argument for it), it must be frustrating to see a powerful department, such as Fish & Game and Health & Welfare, "have their way" and stay out of the general reorganization. The whole purpose of the project is defeated when special power groups can stay out of the plan.

TRANSPORTATION: We do not seem to be looking in the right direction. The car in cities in 50 years will be obsolete. Perhaps next year will bring more interest..

Ann DeWitt, Legislative Chairman

Nominees For Office--Biennium 1972 - 1974

For President: Mrs. David Hodgkins (Peggy), Franklin County



Peggy is currently our First Vice President for Program. She served as Division Treasurer 1969-1971 and as Franklin County branch President 1967-1969. She has also been TC for the branch for This Beleaguered Earth and has served on the Division Policy Sheet Committee and Nominating Committee. She is President of the Tyngtown Club in Wilton, serves as Beautification Chairman for the Wilton Chamber of Commerce, is a Cub Scout Den Mother, and was recently Chairman of the WCBB Telethon for Wilton. Peggy is also an active member of her church and her hospital auxiliary. She received her B.S. in Home Economics from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in 1961. She and her husband have two sons, Lee 9½ and Gregory 8. They all enjoy active sports and travel.

For First Vice President (Program): Mrs. W. Smith (Lou), Waterville



Lou will fill an unexpired term for one year. She is President of the Waterville branch. She was TC for This Beleaguered Earth 1970-1971 for her branch, Community Problems AR for Waterville 1967-1969 and for Morristown, N.J. from 1965-1966. She is President of the Averill School Parent Teachers Organization and Treasurer of the Park Street Nursery School Board. She serves on the Waterville Day Care Center Board and the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Waterville Housing Authority. She plays the oboe in the Colby Community Orchestra. Lou received her B.S. and M.S. in microbiology from Pennsylvania State University.

For Second Vice President (Membership): Mrs. Richard Cohen (Arla), Bangor

Arla served as President of the Bangor branch from 1966-1971; she was Corresponding Secretary of the Maine Division from 1966-1968. She is First Vice President of the Bangor Symphony Women this year and a volunteer for the Inner City Ministry of Bangor. Arla is a member of the League of Women Voters, B'nai Brith. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri and has a twin sister. She received her B.S. at the University of Texas in Austin. Arla is married and has two children, Mylan 10 and Candace 8. She also enjoys sewing, wallpapering, and travel.

For Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Jonathan Luce (Diane), Franklin County



Diane is presently First Vice President for Program for the Franklin County branch. She was Legislative Chairman for the branch, 1969-1971, and Study Group Chairman 1968-1969. Diane is an active member of the Farmington Conservation Commission and the hospital auxiliary. She attended for a year the Bregenz Institute in Bregenz, Austria, and received her B.A. from Simmons College in 1965. She and her husband have two sons, Graham 2½ and Matthew 10 months. When there is time, Diane enjoys oil painting, furniture refinishing, needlework, tennis and sailing.

Maine Division at UN

Among the over 200 AAUW representatives present at the AAUW 1972 UN Seminar, "The UN Faces the Problems of the 70's", were Sally Bailey, President, Madeleine Parker of Farmington and Marion Turner of Brunswick. Participants from 18 states were present at the March 22-23 event at the UN General Assembly building and the UN Association of the USA Center in New York.

The sessions on both days presented a broad range of UN concerns. After each speaker presented his topic, there was time for questioning, and this was well used. The topics included: Apartheid: the UN's Challenge and Preoccupation; The Commission on the Status of Women--Recent Accomplishments; Preserving the Seabed for All Mankind; The

Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment; Chinese Admission: How it came about--Will it make a difference?

The Maine contingent carried out the international theme by attending "Fiddler on the Roof," followed by a visit to the Russian Tea Room. Although their visit to New York City was brief, they were struck by the contrast between the seminar, where they discussed peace for the world, and the city, in which one senses a pervading attitude of fear.

Sunshine (cont. from page 1)

My gratitude and best wishes are for each of you--and special thanks is extended to the members of the Maine Division Board who have served with me during the past two years.

LET THE SUNSHINE OUT!

in Northeast Harbor, May 19-20, 1972

Kimball Terrace Inn

*Centennial goal:
ten million dollars.*

Plan a spring outing to the beautiful home of our Mt. Desert Island Branch. Bring the family and enjoy a whole weekend. Babysitting will be provided, if needed, by Girl Scout Cadets. Contact your branch president for reservations. Arrive early and enjoy the Island!



*"Only she who attempts
the absurd can achieve
the impossible."*

May 19, 1972 ----- Friday

2:00-5:00 p.m.: Do-it-yourself tours, hopefully including Jackson Laboratory

6:30-7:00 p.m.: Registration and introduction to Travel Visitors

7:00 p.m.: Dinner, including families

8:15 p.m.: Members of the Division Board will meet in formally to discuss Saturday's agenda

May 20 -- Saturday

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| 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. | Registration and coffee. Current interest displays. Photo exhibit Crafts sale by Silent Auction* |
| 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. | Business Meeting |
| 11:30 a.m. | Rays from a Fellow: Maria Malakova |
| 12:15 p.m. | A gourmet's luncheon |
| 1:15 p.m. | An award for Shining: the Achievement Citation |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Centennial Fund, or My, How We'll Shine!: Address by Maxine Thorson |
| 2:15 p.m. | Installation of Incoming Division Officers |
| 2:30 p.m. | Silent Auction Winners |

*An outlet for the light you are hiding under that bushel. Bring a sample of your handwork to sell. Proceeds will go towards the Division mimeo and history.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: The Centennial Fund motif was "lifted" (with their permission and blessing) from the Virginia Division Bulletin. The "daisy lady" was adapted from the Association Action Bag. Our thanks to the Virginians for this mind-catching idea. We are all striving together towards this Centennial goal. -- Your Editor

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